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18 November 1959

DEPUTIES' MEETING

Present: Mr. Dulles, Mr. Bissell, Mr. Amory, Colonel White,
Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Sheldon (part of
meeting), Mr. Abbot Smith,

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MR. SHELDON:

a. Noted that it has become quite apparent that during budget discussions in Defense serious consideration is being given to cuts in funds and personnel engaged in COMINT activities. Mr. Sheldon pointed out that haphazard cuts would play havoc with priorities in this field, and stated his intention of getting in touch with Colonel Lansdale on this matter as soon as possible.

MR. DULLES:

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b. Noted a column by Joe Alsop in today's Washington Post, and commented he had not seen intelligence reports that would confirm all of the information contained in this piece. Mr. Bissell commented that for some time he had been concerned about the people-to-people approach in foreign areas. He explained that he realized he was being critical of the DD/P, the State Department, and the attaches since he did not understand why their representatives could not, as Alsop has done, actually talk to groups of refugees. He

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The Director also asked if we are still receiving letters about the [REDACTED] noting he had not seen any of these for quite some time.

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d. Noted that [REDACTED] in a conversation with him on 16 November, had stated that in his opinion the leaders of the Communist Party were "a bunch of old men" and particularly in France the younger members of the Party apparently are not aspiring to Party leadership.

e. Asked whether or not the [REDACTED] would be public and upon being advised by DD/P that he was not sure, stated that every possible action should be taken to have it in private. The Director said an open trial in this particular case would provide a field day for the Communists.

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COLONEL WHITE:

a. Reported we had received a letter from the CIC Center at Camp Holabird requesting that several of its instructors be integrated into our training program at [REDACTED]. He said it was proposed that the request be turned down in view of security considerations, particularly since the instructors become intimately acquainted with the students, their assignments, etc. Colonel White pointed out, however, that it is contemplated that at a later date separate facilities for this purpose may be established at [REDACTED]. The Director said he would prefer that we delay replying to this request until he has ironed out with General Willems our disagreements over the NSCID's.

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MR. KIRKPATRICK:

a. Stated that we are still on the hook to advise Dick Arens, Staff Director of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, of the status of the HCUA request that [REDACTED] be

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made available to that Committee, and asked what he should be told. After some discussion, the following was agreed to: there had been a misunderstanding about the concurrence of the FBI in making this defector available and further discussions with representatives of the Bureau indicate the possibility of complications should appear at this time. It was also agreed that it should be made clear to Arens that this is a joint CIA/FBI decision.

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